

MEMO

DATE: April 3, 2008

TO: Community, Economic & Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: SB 375 (Steinberg) – Summary of Legislative Developments

BACKGROUND:

SB 375 (Steinberg) would require that regional transportation plans for certain regions include a *sustainable communities strategy* (SCS) designed to achieve a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. SB 375 seeks to reward local governments whose land use decisions and development are consistent with the SCS. Because the bill has been amended numerous times and has been the subject of extensive, ongoing discussion by and between statewide stakeholders including the League of California Cities and CSAC, environmental organizations, Councils of Governments, MPOs, transportation commissions, the building industry and others, staff will provide an update of the status of these negotiations, as well as any pertinent information on the bill's movement in the legislative process as of the date of this meeting.

SCAG has invited Senator Steinberg to attend the April 3 meeting to specifically address SB 375.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for preparation of this item is contained within existing budgetary resources in 08-090, 08-810 and 08-800.


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